

Application Ser. No.: 10/635,048
Title: GLYCINE BETAINE AND ITS USE
Response to Office Action dated: December 6, 2005

Remarks

Claims 14-30 remain for consideration in this application with claims 14, 19, and 27 being in independent format. The remaining claims have been withdrawn pursuant to the election of Group V without prejudice to rejoinder of these claims or the filing of any divisional applications, as required by the Restriction Requirement of December 6, 2005. Additionally, Applicant provisionally elects species (a), ant-aggregants, with traverse, pursuant to the election of species requirement contained in paragraph A. of the Action. Applicant notes that if a claim generic to all species is found allowable, then this provisional species election will be withdrawn and all species covered by the generic claim will also be found allowable. Currently, claims 14-30 are all readable on this provisionally elected species. Moreover, each of the elected claims is generic to all of the enumerated species.

In this regard, applicant notes that all of the elected claims are drawn to a controlled release pharmaceutical system, *per se*, and are not limited to a specific effect or treatment. Thus, given the election of Group V by this submission, it is believed that the requirement for further election of species is either not applicable to the Group V elected claims, or inappropriate as the controlled release pharmaceutical system as claimed is directed to the composition rather than only one result of several obtainable by the dosage form.

Applicant further notes that process claims incorporating all of the features of an allowable product claim will be eligible for rejoinder.

Finally, claims 14, 17, 19-20, and 22-30 have been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter.

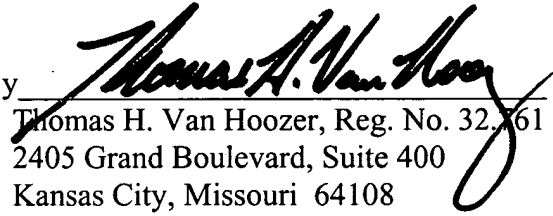
Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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